

July 21, 2021

Ms. Elise Steger
Nova Group
1107 Hazeltine Blvd, Suite 400
Chaska, MN 55318

RE: **Revised – Expanded Project Area**
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to develop an Organics Recycling Facility
12386 Chestnut Boulevard (Shakopee)
T115 R23 S16, Scott County
SHPO Number: 2020-1143

Dear Ms. Steger:

Thank you for continuing consultation on the above referenced project. Information received on June 23, 2021 has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Office by the Minnesota Historic Sites Act (M.S. 138.666).

Although we would typically consider this area to have a high potential for containing archaeological resources, it appears that the area has been extensively disturbed by previous gravel mining. Therefore, based on information that is available to us at this time, we conclude that there are no properties listed in the National or State Registers of Historic Places and no known or suspected archaeological properties in the area that will be affected by this project.

Please note that this comment letter does not address the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR § 800. If this project is considered for federal financial assistance, or requires a federal permit or license, then review and consultation with our office will need to be initiated by the lead federal agency. Be advised that comments and recommendations provided by our office for this state-level review may differ from findings and determinations made by the federal agency as part of review and consultation under Section 106.

Please contact Kelly Gragg-Johnson in our Environmental Review Program at kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us if you have any questions regarding our review of this project.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Beimers
Environmental Review Program Manager